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Arrival and Departure of the Mails.

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY.	
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Rapid City	Monday
Cedars	Wednesday
Odanah	Friday
Minneapolis	
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Rapid City	Monday
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SEMI-WEEKLY MAILED.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY.	
Leave for:	
Brandon Hills	Monday
Southland	Wednesday
Souris Mouth	Friday
Milford	
Arrive from:	
Brandon Hills	Monday
Southland	Wednesday
Souris Mouth	Friday
Milford	

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WEEKLY MAILED.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY.	
Leave for:	
Newdale	Monday
Murray	Tuesday
St. Croix	Wednesday
Birtle	Thursday
Fort Ellice	Friday
Arrive from:	
Newdale	Monday
Murray	Tuesday
St. Croix	Wednesday
Birtle	Thursday
Fort Ellice	Friday
Arrive from Souris.....	Thursday at 10 a.m.
Leave for Souris.....	Friday at 10 a.m.

J. C. KAVANAH, Postmaster.

All communications of a reportorial or editorial nature, intended for publication in this journal, must be addressed to the Editor of the Mail.

The Brandon Daily Mail.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1882.

"PROVINCIAL RIGHTS."

The "hobby" though often a very useful agency by which to secure an election, has from excess of use become an object of suspicion rather than of approval. We have had the temperance hobby, and the fat money hobby and the reform hobby. The equations who have mounted these hobbies, have as a rule ridden their steeds to the death. This is the treatment that the hobbyist eventually serves out to the bridge that has carried him safely over. As it is with one hobby, so it will be with the hobbyist *ad infinitum*. The latest and most conspicuous hobbyist of the hour is he who is making much noise and no little sound upon the question of Provincial Rights. The people are informed that this question transcends all others; that the smoothness of flattery cannot save us in this rugged and awful crisis; that the integrity of the Confederation lies trembling in the balance; that the incubus of centralized power is suppressing the vital and latent forces of the young and vigorous province. Fortunately for the country and the province the hobbyist is in a minority. If he succeeds it is only for a time, and when the recoil come it is with double progressive motion of a falling body. It will be found in a general way that the hobbyist is a demagogue, and *vice versa*. It is part of his education to howl and to harp to the same music until the constant rasping becomes not only monotonous but nauseating. It follows that when so much cry and so little wool are raised about Provincial Rights, very little attention has been given to Provincial Wrongs, for Provincial Rights cannot be Provincial Wrongs. It is not asserted by the hobbyist that there are Provincial wrongs. No, the howlers are content to devote themselves to Provincial Rights, and they ride their hobby with little mercy, suggesting that they would not be the most considerate parties in whose hands to place the adjustment of Rights or Wrongs. The notion of Provincial Sovereignty, like that of State Sovereignty in the neighboring Republic, is absurd and therefore untenable. The mere tyro in the matter of the British North America Act of 1867 knows what the Exclusive Powers of Provincial Legislatures are. He also knows that the XXX clause of the Manitoba Act provides as follows:

"All ungranted or waste lands of the Province shall, from and after the date of the said transfer, vested in the Crown and administered by the Government of Canada, for the purposes of the Dominion, subject to and except so far as the same may be affected by the conditions and stipulations contained in the agreement for the surrender of Rupert's Land by the Hudson's Bay Company to Her Majesty."

Mr. Sifton, who is a prince of hobbyists in his address to the electors, informs them that the present Local Government surrendered its right to the public domain for forty-five thousand dollars!

As the Act from which the above is quoted is from the Organic Act of the province, and was an improvement of the List of the Bill of Rights drawn up by the Legislature of Assiniboin previous to the rebellion, and submitted to the Canadian Commissioners in 1870. Mr. Sifton stands convicted either of wilful misrepresentation or of woeful ignorance. He is welcome to either or both. The Mail does not pretend to say that the Manitoba Act as drawn from the Ottawa Government in 1870 was as fair and as just to the Province as the provisions of the List of Rights were, yet it is a well known historical and constitutional fact that the Act was passed and accepted as the constitutional or organic Act of the Province. While admitting that this Province should have had better terms, it must not be forgotten that the 24th clause of the Act provides:

"Inasmuch as the Province is in debt, the said Province shall be entitled to be paid, and to receive from the Government of Canada, by half-yearly payment in advance, interest at the rate of five per centum per annum on the sum of four hundred and seven thousand two hundred and ninety dollars."

By the 25th clause of the same Act the province was to receive "the sum of thirty thousand dollars to be paid yearly by Canada to the province for the support of its government and legislation, and an annual grant in the aid of the province was to be made equal to 80 cents per head at an estimated population of 17,000 souls, and that such grant per head was to be augmented in proportion to the increase of the population which would be shown by the census taken in 1881, and by each subsequent decennial census until the population reached 400,000 souls, at which

maximum it was to remain stationary so far as the grant was concerned.

It may not be generally known, but no doubt Mr. Sifton is aware that the capital sum of \$472,000 which was to remain inviolate so far as the principal was concerned was by repeated drafts wholly swept away and now neither principal nor interest remain. This state of things happened under the administration of Mr. R. A. Davis, who was one of that band of men whom Mr. Sifton claims to be patriotic and public economists. Mr. Davis was a Grit and a Provincial Rights man in 1872-3 before he held office. When he became Premier and Provincial Treasurer, his patriotism disappeared from the equation and he became a mixed complex political fraction, just as Mr. Sifton will become if he is permitted to ride into the legislature on the back of his most recent hobby.

It would be in order for the bungobmites to define what Provincial Rights are. Having done so it would be proper for them to proceed and argue the merits and demerits of their pet theme. The plan adopted by the advocates of alarm is to create a great deal of smoke, and by so doing obtain control of the administration of the province, an object which appears to be the sole game of the contestants. Time is laying bare the motives sinister, and the delay in not bring on the elections in a hurry is lamented, as if a good cause should not keep in such cold weather as we are having without salt. It is in the object of the hobbyists that accounts for the lamentations of the band of patriotic heroes, of which Mr. Sifton in his own address claims to be one.

ACCORDING to the Manitoba Daily Free Press, Judge Miller is to become a candidate for legislative honors in the municipality of Morris. As the Judge retires from the bench at the end of the present month he will be in a position to enter this muddy arena of local politics, and no doubt if elected he will make a very useful and honorable member of the house, if not of the Government. How the people of Morris Electoral Division will take to an outside man we cannot say. We know very well that the electors of that division have a very strong objection to outsiders, or in other words importuning candidates from Winnipeg, be those candidates who they may. Of course, should Judge Miller be elected to the legislature, there is a strong probability of his holding a portfolio. Not one of the present candidates, if elected, could expect such a distinction. How far Judge Miller's influence extends in the matter of overcoming that objection of the electors to an outsider, we do not know, but it is quite evident to us that the Judge would make a strong candidate if Mr. Tenant should retire in his favor.

MR. SIFTON was a member of the last Local Legislature, and we have vainly searched the Journal of the House to see if that honorable statesman during the course of the session ever introduced or attempted to introduce any measure towards amending our Provincial Constitution by way of ameliorating that deplorable condition of affairs which he lauds in his address. Under the ninety-second clause of the British North American Act, 1867, Mr. Sifton could have distinguished himself as a constitutional well-wisher of the province, instead of proving himself to be an obstructionist and a member who sought to upset the government rather than follow the principles of his no-party belief upon which he secured his election. The clause referred to provides that "in each province the legislature may exclusively make laws in relation to matters coming within the classes of subjects next hereinafter enumerated, &c." Under this clause, Mr. Sifton let a good opportunity pass—an opportunity which if he had properly seized might have gone a long way in proving that he was sincere and patriotic. As he did not do so, but buried himself with votes of want of confidence and other devices to upset the government it is quite evident that the main spring of his cause was vested in a desire to get his crook into office, possibly himself into a portfolio.

CERTAIN newspapers have run away with the very absurd notion that Mr. Gordon Brown was the bane and brains of the Globe, and that he has been to the Globe what Whitelaw Reid is to the New York Tribune. Like a great many popular mistakes the belief that Mr. Gordon Brown was the entire brain of the Globe is erroneous. It does not detract in the least from Mr. Brown's ability as a writer to say that he was not the chief brains of the paper. Mr. Brown has undoubtedly got credit for the productions of others. This is too often the case in journalism, especially in the system of journalism carried on for years by the Globe company. Many a well written article has been credited to Mr. Brown, when, as a matter of fact, that gentleman never wrote a single word of it or corrected a single letter of it. As a writer Mr. Brown has never been undervalued—rather the other way, perhaps. As a political organizer, he has some of the defects of his late brother, though he is not so arbitrary or opinionative as the deceased Senator was. There are scores of Canadian journalists just as able and as talented as Mr. Gordon Brown is to write upon Canadian affairs or other subjects, but perhaps they have not come into the same prominence as Mr. Brown, though very often they have enriched the columns of the Globe with productions which have been credited to the pen of the dethroned editor.

EASTERN journals, especially a few Ontario dailies are ever ready to find fault with the Northwest as though it was a foreign country and those who are pioneering it and filling up the illimitable wilderness were "barbarians." This is too bad, especially when it comes from such an old hand as the Hamilton Times, and such a grenadier as the clever heavy man of the Ottawa Free Press. Our excellent contemporaries forget that our west is opening for young Canadians a field in which they may become somebody instead of playing fifteenth fiddle to the old time grandees in Ontario and the provinces down by the sounding sea. This is a new and a young country, let it be understood, and most of the people to be met here are young men full of blood, spirits and energy, who, when they do pitch into any kind of work to which

they have not been brought up, may do so without losing caste or being disgraced in the eyes of aged swells and a society which would easily prescribe a young man if he were to undertake the same kind of work in an older place which he performs here. The young man who comes to the west will find that he has only to pitch into something he can do. It is what he can do, not what his people are or what they did before him. The field opened to young Canadians especially in our west is proportionately as good now as it was in the western States twenty or twenty-five years ago. Our eastern contemporaries will find it more patriotic and more likely to regard the Northwest as part of our fair dominion than regarding it as a sort of Patagonia or Terra del Fuego.

NOTICE.**Brandon Conservative Association**

A Special Meeting of the Committee will be held at the

COMMITTEE ROOMS

Saturday 23rd Inst.
AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.
A. C. WELLS,
Secretary.

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The sleighing was never better than it is now. Everybody is taking advantage of it. The watch case was dismissed on Saturday evening when it came up for examination.

On account of yesterday having been Christmas day, we did not receive any special despatches.

Mr. E. W. Cavendish will offer himself for councillor at the forthcoming municipal election in Ward No. 2.

An occasional war whoop last night at a late hour, indicated that there was a Merry Christmas joyously making for home or another night cap.

The wind swung around to the North-west last night at a late hour, and as we go to press the sky is clear and the moon shines in its peerless beauty.

A good many young men were casting up accounts on the street yesterday. Perhaps it was the bills of fare. It might have been the bug juice though.

There was a goodly number at the skating rink last night. The ice was in excellent condition, and many of the skaters were practising for the carnival.

Mr. James Irwin, of Brandon Mills, will be a candidate for councillor for the municipality of Brandon, in ward No. 3, at the forthcoming municipal elections.

There was a hop at the Grand Central last night and the company chased the glowing hours with flying feet until the weas' hours ayan the twal, or to that effect.

The Mail will appear with sunrise every morning hereafter. It will catch the early worm and be on the breakfast table as soon as the hot coffee and the smoking chop. Take the Mail if you want the latest happenings.

The weather yesterday was mild even to a thaw, so that a great many of our citizens, ladies and gentlemen, enjoyed a bound over the snowy streets in the best liveries which our city could turn out.

The Mail office has to thank Mr. Freeland Stationer, Rosser Avenue, for another Xmas box. It is a handsome pocket diary for 1883 got up in the latest fashion. Many happy returns of the season, etc.

We have received the first number of the Brandon Daily Mail, a spacy paper, as full of news as it can well be. With two live daily papers, Brandon's thirst for news promises to be well supplied.—Winnipeg Sun.

Mr. Woodworth, the coming member for this division leaves to-day for Grand Valley. He will be present at the municipal nominations, and then meet the electors in reference to his own canvas. Mr. Sifton has been invited to show his hands.

The unanimous opinion was that it was a very quiet Xmas. Our civic gendarmes did not have any trouble, which speaks well for the average Brandonite, and the mild nature of the amber juice and the beer which were disposed of in liberal quantities.

Any number of young men called into the Mail office last night carrying "tattlets" not in their throats, but in their hands and pockets. Behold the child in nature's kindly law, pleased with a rattle and tickled with a straw.

A double barrelled runaway took place yesterday on Pacific Avenue, near the Harris House. A double sleigh, laden with three or four occupants, was driven too fast and broke the pole. This mishap was followed by the sleigh capsizing and spilling three of the occupants on the roadway. The horses and driver seem to have become satisfied at this, and the wreck was towed into port.

Mr. Peters, Brandon's popular Station Agent C. P. R., entertained the Railway employees and a number of friends at an oyster supper in the Albion Hotel, on Saturday night last. There were between twenty-five and thirty guests, and Mr. W. Laren, who is in temporary charge of the hotel during the absence of Mr. Hodges had everything in good shape. There were the usual toasts interspersed with speeches, and song, and a right merry time was spent by those present.

While the afternoon passenger train from the east was arriving at the station it occurred to the tender and baggage car, that it would be an excellent comedy to avoid the switch, and scatter things a little for the sake of appearance. Accordingly the tender didn't follow its leader just as is customary to do, but dethroned a little to the right getting off the rails in good order, while the baggage car clattered to the right, left the main track and commenced running opposition to the engine. One section of the switch rail was bodily demoralised, as was also a portion of the castings and woodwork on the baggage car was used roughly. It was that somewhat fortunate the train was coming to a stop at the time, otherwise serious damage might have resulted. None of the passenger cars were derailed. The tender was after a couple of hours work replaced on the track, and the train proceeded on its western course as soon as track was cleared.

THE CARNIVAL

TO-MORROW NIGHT AT THE RINK.

A List of the Prices and to Whom Offered—Upwards of \$100 Subscribed for this Purpose.

Messrs. Dickson & McNulty offer a silk handkerchief for the best impersonation of the Chief of Police, while the Chief of Police in his turn offers a pair of gloves for the best impersonation of Mayor Daly, while Mayor Winter offers glassware to the value of \$1.50 on the Chief of Police. Alderman Smart offers a revolver with \$2.00 to the best Indian Chief. The Brandon House, L. Bergeron, proprietor, offers for gents best costume \$4.00. Combs & Steward \$1.50. The Unknown \$1.50. From the Beaubier House \$5.00. For the best Chinaman, the City Hotel offers \$2.00. Rosser, the jeweler, offers a gold breast pin

valued at \$5.00. Mr. Fair, who is the general stationer on Rosser Avenue, offers a ladies' satchel to the best Little Butter Cup, and the Toronto Store offers one pair of slippers for the same. Messrs. Adams Bros. offer for the best Jessie James a whip valued at \$1.50, and the enterprising and popular stationer, Freeland, offers a merchant cigar holder. P. E. Durst, jeweler on Rosser Avenue, offers 1 pair of jet bracelets, valued at \$2.50, for the best Night. Messrs. Scott & Paisley, for the same, offer a smoking cap. The Brandon House, L. Bergeron proprietor, for the same, offers one pair of ladies' gloves. The American House offers a fur cap for the best Uncle Sam. G. Rippel & Co., for the same, offer a pair of skates. For the best Ladies' Costume T. T. Atkinson, corner 6th street and Rosser Avenue, offers a ladies' collar valued at \$2.00. For the same, Geo. Lawden, of the Golden Lion Clothing Store, Rosser Avenue, offers \$5.00 cash. Mr. Peters, C. P. R. station agent, offers to the best skater cash \$2.00. Messrs. Lowe and Hobbs, of Chater, offer a 2nd prize of a briar root pipe for gents comic costume. Mr. Deacon, Rosser Avenue, offers a lamp, valued at \$5., Messrs. Kerr and McIntyre, wholesale liquor dealers, offer two boxes of cigars for the same. White, the Queen's Hotel, Rosser Avenue, gives \$2 cash to the best husbandman. Mr. G. Munn tenders a box of good Havanas to the best Arab Pasha. Mr. Bundridge, manager of the Grand Central Hotel, will give a handsome present to the best costumed lady on the ice. Alfred Largiolas, corner of Rosser Avenue and 7th street, will give one pair of beaded moccasins. Samuel Allan, of the Mulligan House, offers to the best fancy skater one bottle of champagne and one box of cigars. The Windsor Hotel offers a second prize of one bottle of brandy to the best fancy skater. The Elite House very properly and very thoughtfully offers to the best looking hotel keeper on ice two quart bottles of champagne. The Trans-It House offers one bottle of the best Hennessy for the second best representative of the Heathen Chinee. The Lambton House, Mr. Evans, proprietor, offers to the best lady skater under twelve years of age, T. Lee, offers the best little Snowflake a nice riding whip and a satchel to Buttercup. The proprietors of the rink Messrs. Munn & Shaw, offer one pair of snow shoes for the best personation of any local resident character. The Brandon DAILY MAIL, Messrs. Douglas & Ham, offer to the best dressed lady representing Canada, a pair of acme skates.

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Opposite T. T. Atkinson's.

Where we keep on hand a full assortment of

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BARGAINS

For Everybody.

Bargains in Dress Goods,

Bargains in Silks and Satins,

Bargains in Fur Goods,

Bargains in Clothing,

Bargains in Groceries,

Bargains in Boots and Shoes,

Bargains that will interest

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Bargains that will pay you.

Bargains that will induce you

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In great Variety and at very lowest Prices.

Grain Bags at \$1 per dozen. **ea.** The goods are new, and are to be rushed off to make room for a stock now in transit.

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Ready Made Clothing

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HATS and CAPS,

Groceries and Provisions.

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J. R. Miller in returning thanks to his numerous customers and the public generally for their liberal patronage during the past year, would cordially solicit a continuance, and intimated that he was never in a better position to give big bargains than at present, having just received two car loads choice new Sugars, Raisins, Currants, Syrups and Biscuits, at much less than regular market quotations. Also having secured a large portion of a Stock of General Groceries, at less than wholesale prices, which enable me to offer a varied and good line of Bargains. Now is the time and this is the place to buy your Christmas and New Year Goods.

Everything fresh and bright as a new dollar, and away below any other house in town. Look through our prices for first-class articles.

SCARFS,

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